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To: Service List for Docket No. 2018-0163, via the Commission's electronic Document Management System

Re: **Notice of Technical Conference on Friday, January 28, 2022. Docket No. 2018-0163, In re Public Utilities Commission**, Instituting a Proceeding to Investigate Establishment of a Microgrid Services Tariff.

By this letter, the Commission gives notice that it will convene a Technical Conference in the above captioned docket to discuss priority topics for Phase 2 of this proceeding. The Commission will convene this Technical Conference via WebEx on **Friday, January 28, 2022, from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm HST.**

Background: On September 21, 2021, the Commission issued a Guidance Letter requesting the Parties' feedback on Phase 2 priority objectives. On October 21, 2021, the HECO Companies and the Consumer Advocate filed responses to the Commission's Guidance Letter.

The objectives of this Technical Conference are to: a) provide an information exchange on microgrid objectives and best practices (with particular focus on regulatory matters including tariff design) and b) garner interest in developing microgrids in Hawaii (including to better understand what developers might need to get interested in building microgrids in Hawaii).

As part of this Technical Conference, Commission staff will present a proposed list of priority topics for Phase 2. This proposed list will be distributed to the Parties in a later communication prior to the Technical Conference, and Parties will be asked to give presentations in response to the proposed list at the Technical Conference. Conference participants will then have the opportunity to discuss this list, as well as related topics, and to propose modifications for the Commission's consideration, prior to the Commission issuing an order outlining a final list of priority topics for Phase 2.

The Technical Conference will be facilitated by the Commission's consultant, Gridworks.

An agenda will be sent to the Parties in a later communication prior to the Technical Conference.

In the interest of facilitating discussion, the Commission specifically requests that the HECO Companies prepare their presentation to include: i) an update on activity after the Tariff was submitted on May 27, 2021 (e.g. applications received, experiences in implementation of

the Tariff, etc.); and ii) an update on the Oahu microgrid map being developed as part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP).¹

Parties' presentations must be filed with the Commission by no later than **11:30 am on Thursday, January 27, 2022**, so that the Commission can post them to DMS prior to the Technical Conference.

All interested participants may join the conference here:

WebEx link:

<https://hpuc.my.webex.com/hpuc.my/j.php?MTID=m59c099dfea4785e8a9d4e91eeaa01fc>

Meeting number: 2551 291 7522

Password: aDMdHvBp523 (23634827 from phones and video systems)

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Dial 25512917522@webex.com

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The Commission will also livestream the Technical Conference via YouTube for public viewing and will provide information about that YouTube link in this docket and on the Commission's website, <https://puc.hawaii.gov>, prior to the Technical Conference.

Questions regarding the Technical Conference should be directed to Ashley K. L. Agcaoili at (808) 586-2020 or ashley.l.agcaoili@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,



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¹See Letter From: Commission To: Service List Re: Commission Guidance for Phase 2, In re Public Utilities Commission, Docket No. 2018-0163 - Instituting a Proceeding to Investigate Establishment of a Microgrid Services Tariff, filed on September 21, 2021, at 2.

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